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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-9 (cancelled)

10. (Currently amended) A system for adjustable placement of foodstuff, comprising:
 a pair of adjacent transport surfaces that meet at an interface wherein one of the pair of transport surfaces is adapted to present rows of foodstuff items, wherein the rows may contain various numbers of foodstuff items, wherein each of the pair of surfaces is configured to transfer an undetermined number of foodstuff items in each row across the interface so that the foodstuff items are transferred from one of the transport surfaces in a first arrangement to another of the transport surfaces in a second laterally shifted and axially more compact arrangement, and the system being capable of delivering the rows of foodstuff items to a downstream food processing apparatus in a nested arrangement
11. - 13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently amended) A system for the adjustable placement of foodstuff, the system comprising:
 an upstream apparatus for presenting plural sets of foodstuff items with each set arranged in rows, wherein each row may contain various numbers of foodstuff items,
 a transport surface located adjacent the upstream apparatus that receives the foodstuff items from the upstream apparatus across an interface between the upstream apparatus and the transport surface, wherein the upstream apparatus

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